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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

PHILIP E. EGGERS et al.

Application No.: 09/709,035

Filed: November 8, 2000

For: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR TISSUE
ABLATION AND RESECTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2002, for which a response was due December 17, 2002. Applicant submits a request for 3 months extension thereby extending the time for response to March 17, 2003. Thus, this response is timely filed.

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